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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of April 20, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Schmidt, V et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,322,315).

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hauschild et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,730,695) in view of Schmidt, V. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,322,315).